

Israel expands bridgehead, downs 32 enemy aircraft

By BONNIE HOPE and ZEEV SCHUL

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondents

TEL AVIV. — Israeli troops yesterday expanded their bridgehead on the east bank of the Suez Canal, rolling the Egyptian defenses back to a distance of 25-30 kms. from the Canal, along a front some 40 kms. long.

Yesterday's operations were supported by an Air Force employing what a senior officer termed "almost total freedom of action" on both sides along the entire length of the Canal — following the destruction of "some dozen" Egyptian surface-to-air missile batteries.

Egyptian attempts to attack Israeli forces from the air ended in the downing of 17 Egyptian fighter planes.

At least 60 Egyptian tanks were knocked out on both sides of the Canal yesterday.

Senior officers said here the Egyptian troops were still displaying readiness to fight to the end with determination and vigor, showing no signs of crumbling or turning tail in the face of the Israeli advance. The spokesman stressed that the achievements of the Israeli force had been accomplished by hard fighting.

The Egyptians had "scraped the barrel" and put whatever forces they still had into their effort to block the Israeli advance. These forces were composed mainly of armor on the southern and western flanks, and crack commando and paratroop units in the north.

The enemy had not, however, weakened its bridgeheads on the east bank of the Canal to bolster the force on the other side. They apparently see the bridgeheads as their major achievement, and intend to hold on to them at all costs.

The Israeli bulge on the west bank yesterday extended from a line about five kms. south of the Ismailiya-Cairo road to the Small

Bitter Lake in the south. The area had not been entirely cleared of enemy forces, and skirmishes with pockets of Egyptian troops were still going on yesterday evening.

But the bulk of the force was concentrating on its major objective: Destroying Egyptian anti-aircraft missiles and artillery positions, as well as engaging and destroying as many enemy tanks as possible.

The forces in the bulge were receiving supplies and reinforcements across the three bridges over the Canal, north of the Great Bitter Lake. It was disclosed yesterday evening.

On the east bank, the Egyptians still hold long, narrow areas along the Canal, one extending from north of Kantara to the southern tip of Lake Timseh, and the other extending from the southern tip of the Small Bitter Lake to a point a few kilometers south of Suez. They also hold Port Said at the northern tip of the Canal, as they did before the current war.

Although the southwestern section of the bulge is less than 100 kms. from Cairo, the officer said: "Our aim remains to destroy the armies that attacked us," he said.

On Saturday night, Israeli navy units, including missile boats, continued to harass Egyptian coastal defenses, again concentrating on Damietta, west of Port Said in the Nile Delta.

The only action on the east bank yesterday was what was described as a "smallish" tank battle near Lake Timseh. The Egyptians are estimated to have only about 350-400 tanks left on the east bank, out of about 1,200 which crossed in the first few days of the war. They still have considerable numbers of infantry equipped with anti-tank weapons.

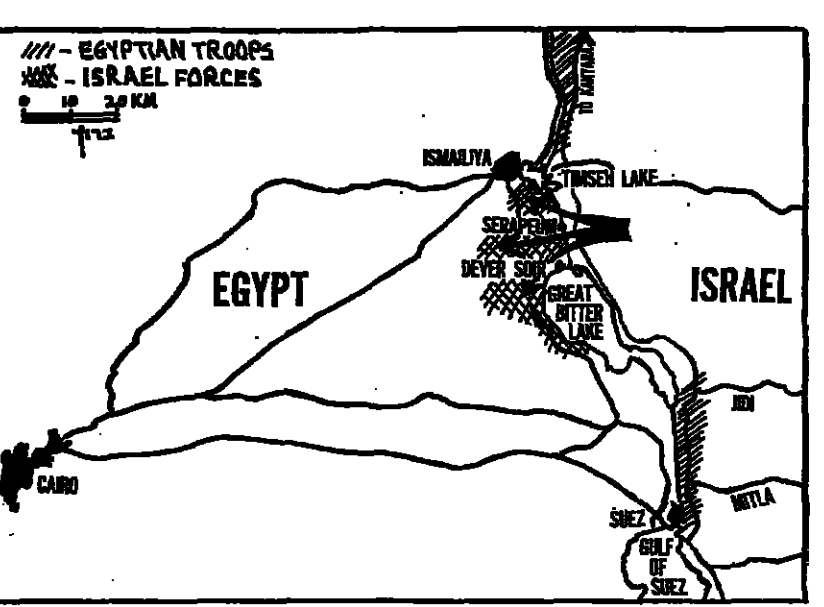
The Air Force concentrated its main efforts on attacking Egyptian armor concentrations and giving close support to the ground troops. Sources here stressed that the air battles were all over in a matter of minutes; and as well as the almost unlimited freedom from the missile danger, our superiority in aerial combat was unchallenged.

Most of the missile batteries destroyed were of the static Sam-2 and Sam-3 type, but many of the mobile Sam-6 missiles were also knocked out. Sources here declined to answer if any Sam-6 missiles, which are launched from tracked vehicles, had been seized intact.

Official sources here could not confirm rumors that two Egyptian generals had been captured on the west bank of the Canal.



Above: At Command Headquarters on the Egyptian front (from left): Rav-Aluf Haim Bar-Lev, Aluf Shmuel Gonen and Tat-Aluf Uri Ben-Ari. (Army photo)



Cairo admits battles on both banks

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

The Egyptians said last night fierce air and ground fighting flared up "on both banks of the Suez Canal" yesterday afternoon, as the tank battle east of the waterway raged for the sixth consecutive day.

The Egyptians issued three army communiques, claiming they had won more territory on the east bank of the Canal, and that they captured several Israeli pilots and tank crews.

The Syrians yesterday said large-scale battles took place on the northern front, with most of the fighting centered around Mt. Hermon.

In earlier communiques, Egypt and Syria yesterday indirectly conceded that this was not going to be a long war of attrition as they had planned.

Their communiques said "full-scale" fighting was mounting, and they now expect the war to be decided this third week.

Cairo's authoritative "Al-Ahram" yesterday said the battle on the Suez front was "approaching its decisive stage."

During their initial successes, the Egyptians and the Syrians said they would conduct a long war of attrition. They said Israel could not withstand such a war.

The Egyptians and the Syrians seem to be confronted by their strategic errors. Increasing military pressure from Israel and the shift of military operations to Egyptian and Syrian territories has obviously upset the plans of Cairo and Damascus.

Finally, with the current talks between Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and the Kremlin leaders, with the U.S. insisting on a ceasefire as a first step—the Egyptians seem to be concerned with the battlefield advantages won by Israel on the two fronts.

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Egypt, Syria still haven't listed p-o-ws

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

The International Red Cross has still not received from Syria and Egypt the lists of Israeli prisoners of war in their hands. Transmission of these lists to the Red Cross is a requirement of international law, and Israel transmits lists of its prisoners daily.

So far, Syria has transmitted no Israeli names, and Egypt has transmitted a list of 43 names — although there are known to be more Israeli p-o-ws in Egypt.

15 Syrians aircraft shot down

POST Military Correspondents

TEL AVIV. — 15 Syrian fighter planes, and three helicopters carrying troops, were shot down yesterday afternoon during attempts to attack Israeli troops in the Israeli bulge in Syrian territory.

Apart from sporadic artillery firing, which did not develop into duels, there was no ground action on this front yesterday.

The Air Force yesterday bombed the Arida railway bridge, between Latakia and Damascus. The raid was aimed at disrupting the flow of Soviet weapons unloaded at Latakia, to the front.

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Attorney-General Richardson resigns in protest Congressional storm over Nixon's dismissal of Watergate prosecutor

INGTON (Reuter). — The first wave of anger from politicians, at least three in the new Congress, is directed at the resignation of Attorney-General Elliot Richardson.

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Vice-President's confirmation seen delayed

WASHINGTON (UPI). — A White House official said yesterday he did not expect Mr. Nixon to nominate a new Attorney-General for some time because of the obvious difficulty he would have of winning Senate confirmation for any nominee.

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Democratic Senator John Stennis of Mississippi, would be produced.

Mr. Nixon's adviser on domestic affairs, Melvin Laird, said Congress would wait to see the results of President Nixon's offer to release a summary of the tapes. It was this compromise which Mr. Cox rejected.

"I think the Congress will wait to see the product of this compromise and after the product is looked at I am confident the Congress will take a negative position as far as the question that you raised on impeachment proceedings (is concerned)," Mr. Laird told a television interviewer.

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Jews abroad pledge two billion dollars

Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent

Jewish communities abroad undertook to mobilize \$2 billion for Israel over the next three years, until the end of 1974, in a drive to raise the Jewish Bond Drive.

The drive, which is being led by the Jewish Agency, will cover the entire cost of the Development Budget. These two contributions will relieve the authorities of a severe budgetary constraint, created by the unprecedented cost of the present defence effort.

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Terrorists threaten Sakharov

MOSCOW (Reuter). — Dr. Andrei Sakharov, the dissident Soviet physicist, said that two Arabs, claiming to be members of the Black September terrorist group, yesterday threatened his life if he did not abandon support for Israel.

The two Arabs — one of whom appeared to be armed — rang Sakharov's door bell and were admitted.

They cut the telephone wire in three places and ordered him to be silent on the Israeli-Arab conflict or face the consequences.

A badly-shaken Sakharov later told reporters of being held under menace by the two Arabs in his Moscow flat for an hour-and-a-half while friends outside rang the doorbell, worried by his silence.

At one point, Sakharov, who was with his wife and stepson, asked the two Arabs: "Do you want to kill us?"

He said the Arabs replied: "We can do worse things than kill you. We are ready to die for the sake of our country."

In a recent interview with a man claiming to be a correspondent of a Lebanese newspaper, Sakharov said the Arab side had started the Middle East fighting and called for recognition and guarantees for Israel.

Sakharov, the "father" of the Soviet hydrogen bomb, is a spokesman for democratic freedom in the USSR, which has brought him into conflict with the Soviet authorities.

The two terrorists told Sakharov to "sit down, take a pencil, and write a recantation" of his support of Israel.

The scientist said he refused to write anything under duress, and instead signed and put yesterday's date on a copy of the interview he gave to the Lebanese newsmen 10 days ago.

During the 80-minute grilling, Sakharov said, the Arabs told him: "We won't stop at anything. We never give warnings, if you were a political man, we would not give a warning."

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Fair to partly cloudy.
Weather synopsis: A trough extends from the Red Sea to the east Mediterranean.

	Yesterday's	Yesterday's	Today's
	Humidity	Min.-Max.	Forecast
Jerusalem	13	19-30	21-30
Sofia	13	19-30	21-30
Nahariya	13	19-30	21-30
Safed	13	19-30	21-30
Tel Aviv	13	19-30	21-30
Haifa	13	19-30	21-30
Tiberias	13	19-30	21-30
Nazareth	13	19-30	21-30
Be'er Sheva	13	19-30	21-30
Dimona	13	19-30	21-30
Yotvata	13	19-30	21-30
Ein Avir	13	19-30	21-30
Lod Airport	13	19-30	21-30
Jericho	13	19-30	21-30
Qana	13	19-30	21-30
Beersheba	13	19-30	21-30
Ramat	13	19-30	21-30
Tiran Straits	13	19-30	21-30

DEPARTURES

Housing Minister Ze'ev Sharaf, for New York, where he will appear at USA rallies (by El Al).

Elie Wiesel here on UJA mission

By MOSHE KOHN
Jerusalem Post Literary Editor
American Jewish author Elie Wiesel ("Night," "The Jews of Silence") arrived over the weekend on a mission for the United Jewish Appeal. He brought with him medications, transistor radios and gifts for distribution among wounded soldiers whom he will visit. As guest of the Israel Defense Forces he is also to tour the Golan Heights, visiting military units and settlements hit by the fighting. On his return to the U.S. he is scheduled to deliver a coast-to-coast televised talk on the situation in Israel.

French Jewish author André Schwarz-Bart ("The Last of the Just") has been in Jerusalem since last week, lecturing to French-speaking schoolchildren. He arrived with the intention of "helping out in any way possible," the Jerusalem municipal spokesman announced when he arrived. In 1967, two months before the Six Day War, Schwarz-Bart was awarded the Jerusalem Prize, given biennially by the Jerusalem Municipality at the Jerusalem International Book Fair, to an author "who has contributed to the idea of the freedom of the individual in society." The spokesman told The Jerusalem Post yesterday that no measure has been received from any of the other Jerusalem Prize winners. They are Swiss novelist and playwright Max Frisch (1965); Italian novelist Ignazio Silone (1966); Argentinean short-story writer and fabulist Jorge Luis Borges (1971); and French playwright and essayist Eugene Ionesco (1973). The first laureate, in 1963, was the late Lord (Bertrand) Russell.

M.K.s leave for Geneva int'l parley

LOD AIRPORT. — The Israeli delegation at the forthcoming meeting of the Inter-Parliamentary Union in Geneva will press for a discussion of the Middle East situation in the light of "the Egyptian-Syrian attack against Israel."

The delegation, comprising Knesset Members Yohanan Bader, Ze'ev Haring, Zena Harman and Knesset Clerk Netanel Lorch, left yesterday by El Al for Switzerland. (Ithm)

Radio, TV loud reporters

The men and women of Israel's radio and television services yesterday got a pat on the back from their bosses — the Broadcasting Authority's managing board — for the job they have been doing since the war began.

In a statement issued yesterday, the board expressed its appreciation to all its personnel, but particularly to the war reporters and camera teams, who "under the most difficult of conditions and at great risk to their lives, have been bringing the news from the battle fronts to the public."

Nahariyan killed in car collision

NAHARIYA. — A local resident, Ze'ev Katz, was killed here yesterday morning in a collision between the pickup truck he was driving and a private car on the Nahariya-Acre road. Katz, 47, died en route to the Nahariya Government Hospital. The driver of the car was detained for questioning. (Ithm)

TODAY'S POSTBAG

THE FIRST GROUP of American Jewish volunteers to come to Israel during the present war for civilian tasks under the auspices of Sherut Le'Am — 85 men and women aged 19-26 — arrived by El Al last week. They will spend at least half a year here, and were sent from the airport directly to settlements that are short-handed.

MAGEN DAVID ADOM yesterday called on the general public to donate time donating blood. The organization noted that blood loss is its freshest after 10 days; therefore, blood donated at the beginning of the war, if it was not used, had been turned into plasma. (Fresh blood is preferable to plasma in most cases.)

Egypt says Israeli task force is now 'entirely besieged'

CAIRO. — Egypt's chief military spokesman, Maj.-Gen. Waz Edoua Mukhtar, said yesterday the Israeli task force which stormed across the Suez Canal last week has sliced only 10 km. into Egypt and is now being "besieged" in two small pockets by thousands of Egyptians. "I can say the Israeli force is besieged entirely by the Egyptians," he told a news conference. Only last Wednesday Mukhtar had said the Israeli force "has been wiped out." He did not repeat this statement yesterday, but said the Israeli-held areas west of the Canal are "not large."

Asked whether the Israeli force on this side of the Canal threatened Cairo, he said, "they will never be able to reach Cairo."

He put Israeli losses on the Egyptian front since the war began at 303 Israeli aircraft, 25 helicopters, 600 tanks, 400 armoured vehicles and 23 naval vessels of various types. Egypt has captured "a large number of prisoners" and inflicted an undetermined number of dead and wounded, the spokesman said.

Mukhtar said, "The rapidity of the U.S. military assistance to Israel is strange," adding that it goes directly to the battlefield. "American pilots are flying the planes into Israel," he said.

EQUAL TO LOSSES

Asked how many tanks and planes Washington has flown to Israel, he said he was sure "it is equal to the losses sustained by Israel."

A spokesman asked whether Egyptian and Syrian claims of shooting down more than 600 Israeli planes were exaggerated in view of the pre-war estimate of an Israeli Air Force of only 488 planes.

Gen. Mukhtar replied that Israel had 550 planes when the war started and has been resupplied since by the U.S.

He declined to discuss the type or quantity of Soviet military assistance to Egypt, saying it was not a question of public interest.

Asked how long the Israelis could continue fighting at the present level, the general said they would not have been able to continue this long without external assistance.

Asked whether Israel's major effort had shifted to Sinai, Mukhtar responded with a counter question to newsmen on whether they believed otherwise. He did not elaborate.

The six-day tank battle which



General Mukhtar

has been raging in Sinai will "undoubtedly have an effect on the outcome of the war," he said. But he avoided saying it would be decisive.

The Egyptian army has a "solid, cohesive front," ranging from 15 to 17 kms. into Sinai, he said. He noted that Egyptian troops cov-

ered the entire front from the Mediterranean Sea to the Gulf of Suez — a distance of some 160 kms.

Israel's defence of Sinai was based on three lines. The first was the "Bar-Lev Line" of heavily fortified positions which the Egyptian Army overran in six hours on the first day of the war, he said.

The second was a series of passes stretching northward from Mitla; and the third was an open area suitable for tank warfare.

In another briefing, Major General Gamal El Din Mohammed Ali told newsmen the Egyptian army practised for six years with scale models of the Suez Canal and Israeli defences on the east bank, before launching their successful assault on the "Bar-Lev line" 17 days ago.

"During the past six years, we conducted 300 experiments to overcome the waterway and the 'Bar-Lev line' and assault the strong points," he said.

All did not give a detailed description of the actual assault on the east bank, beyond saying that "we used almost every kind of crossing equipment known in the world."

Asked about the present fighting in the Sinai Peninsula, Ali said only that this was "a very conventional desert, and our forces will continue fighting there until they score victories." (AP, UPI)

Beirut newspaper reports: 'Canal crossing was an Israeli trick'

BEIRUT (AP). — Israel was reported yesterday to have tricked Egypt in crossing to the west bank of the Suez Canal.

Soviet-made tanks captured from Egypt in the Six Day War were used in the crossing operation, the Beirut newspaper "An-Nahar" reported from Cairo. The captured tanks were manned by Arabic speaking Israeli crews dressed in Egyptian military uniforms, the paper said.

"An-Nahar" quoted military sources in Cairo as estimating the Israeli force at one armoured brigade, in-

cluding 108 tanks, and 1,000 paratroopers dropped on the west bank after the tanks crossed.

"The infiltrating force set up positions near three Egyptian villages on the west bank, counting on the failure of villagers to discover the infiltrators' identity because all spoke Arabic, wore Egyptian uniforms and carried Egyptian army cards captured from war prisoners in 1967," said "An-Nahar."

The infiltrating force could have been quickly and easily annihilated, but the Egyptian forces chose to liquidate the infiltrators slowly to avoid the total destruction of the three villages, "An-Nahar" added. It said General Saad Eddin Shazli, the Egyptian army chief of staff, was personally conducting "the mopping up operation of the infiltrators." By midday Saturday, Shazli had destroyed two-thirds of the Israeli force, knocked out 36 tanks and captured 36 others, "Israeli soldiers who refused to surrender are being annihilated," "An-Nahar" said.

The paper said the remainder of the Israeli force was "doomed, unable to carry out its assignment on the west bank."

Tel Mond convicts—give blood, ask to join the army

NETANYA. — Some 200 young convicts in Tel Mond Prison near here have contributed blood to the war effort. Many of them have been clamouring to join the armed forces.

The prison authorities have passed on a list of would-be volunteers to the army and are awaiting a reply. The prisoners include soldiers convicted for traffic offences.

One group of teenage prisoners has been allowed to work in kibbutzim to help replace members who have been called up.

Three top entertainers performing for troops

Jerusalem Post Staff

Three world-famous Jewish entertainers — Jack Leonard Cohen, comedian Danny Kaye and singer Enrico Macias — are now entertaining Israeli troops. All three came here following the outbreak of war. Cohen, who arrived unannounced several days ago asking to work at a kibbutz as a volunteer, has already given several concerts at the front. Kaye and Macias arrived yesterday afternoon.

Cohen, the poet-songwriter, accused Israelis of being "militaristic" when he left the country earlier this year, after a stormy concert tour. Interviewed at an airbase yesterday by pool correspondent Yossi Me'ayari, he still appeared to be suffering from the shock of the war, and to be looking for new answers to questions which had been bothering him for some time.

"I felt like a bird sitting on a barbed wire" was how he described his feelings on hearing of the Egyptian-Syrian attack on Yom Kippur. "I just knew one thing — I had to be here with you."

At his first appearance at the base, Cohen was so seized with emotion that he used the interval between one performance and the next to write a new song, singing it immediately afterwards.

HOLY SOIL

The text tells of his seeking his brothers in the desert, who are shedding their blood in the battle against evil being fought on holy soil. Cohen half-sung, half-declained this song before an audience of thousands who joined enthusiastically in the chorus: "My love, my love, come back to me."

After the appearance Cohen talked with a group of soldiers who had just returned from a mission behind enemy lines. With evident emotion he said, "At first I was afraid my quiet and melancholy songs weren't the sort of thing to cheer up front-line fighters. But I've learned that these wonderful kids don't need rousing battle hymns. I came to encourage them and they ended up encouraging me. I don't think I've ever known such deep and wonderful contact with an audience."

As for the war, he said he prayed "this nightmare will soon be over." He will remain in Israel as long as the war continues, he added. Cohen is appearing with Dana Rovinsky, Chabik Levy, Matti Caspi and Pupik Arnon.



Leonard Cohen

Danny Kaye was grabbed by members of the Air Force as soon as he stepped off his El Al plane at Lod yesterday. The comedian arrived in white shoes, red socks, a two-coloured suit and his familiar hat.

When he reached the V.I.P. lounge he refused to give his passport to El Al's Michael Pinhasi so that the latter could stamp it as required by law apparently to keep Mr. Pinhasi from seeing his true age. The two men then ran a race to the Border Control counter, where Mr. Kaye stamped the passport himself. On the way he stopped to give onlookers his autograph.

Singer Enrico Macias brought three of his instrumentalists with him, plus all the cigarettes and whisky on his flight, which he bought to give to wounded soldiers. The group went straight from the airport to visit hospitals.

THE HAIFA BRANCH of the War Invalids' Association has adopted an armoured division on the Golan. They carry goodies to the soldiers in their cars, and visit the wounded in hospital.



Destruction at Majdal Shams... "The Syrians have a grudge against us."

Bombing of Majdal Shams se turning villagers against Syria

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

MAJDAL SHAMS. — Repairs were to begin today on the damage caused by Syrian bombs and shells in this Druse village on the Golan Heights. For the Syrians, however, the damage to their image among the local Druse is probably irreparable.

"Before these attacks, perhaps 10 per cent of the villagers were outright supporters of the Syrians," said the Druse political leader of the area, Sheikh Suleiman Kanj, in an interview over the weekend. "Now perhaps 2 or 3 per cent are for them." The villagers lived under Syrian rule until the Six Day War and almost all have family

ties in Syria. Many have been ambivalent in their feelings towards Syria and Israel.

The Syrian attacks on Majdal Shams and two of the other three Druse villages in the Golan have been clearly deliberate. The villages were first hit at 2 p.m. on Yom Kippur, the opening of the war. Planes coming in from the north over the Hermon ridge, a few hundred metres above Majdal Shams, dropped bombs on villagers picking apples in the orchards outside the settlement. After the bombing runs, the planes turned to strafing. Four people were killed in this attack — according to one source, the four were brothers — and six people wounded. The apple orchards, a

principal source of income in the village, were half destroyed.

Within moments the came under artillery fire. Persons were killed, woman holding her eight baby. The baby was wounded. In the nearby Buk'ata a shell hit a family was having dinner. The father and wound Masada, a man was killed, two daughters wounded. During the next two days Majdal Shams and 11 other villages were hit. On Wednesday, the Syrians returned. Accurately a destroyed five houses on central square, killing wounding 15. Damage houses was extensive.

In all, some 250 house villages have sustained damage.

Why did the Syrians "don't like us Druse," a boy outside a house, who had all been blasted out, said.

Sheikh Suleiman, who is a general in the Syrian ruling Ba'ath Party the Syrian people. "The a grudge against the Druse who live in Israel." He noted that last week executed a I as a scapegoat for breakthrough into Syria a member of the party what their attitude is to Druse who aren't.

NO DOUBT

The sheikh said the doubt the Syrians intend at the villagers rather tary targets. "They wanted us on the ope the war, when there was anywhere near here, bombed us again, last th front line was m kilometres away."

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'Iraqi troops in Syria serve political aim'

TEL AVIV. — Aluf (res.) Haim Herzog said in his daily radio commentary yesterday that the deployment of two Iraqi divisions on the Syrian front was not only to fight Israel but was also a political move aimed at controlling southern Syria and the border with Jordan.

He said the Iraqis in many respects are the tools of Soviet policy in the Middle East. "And there are indications that many of the units in the Iraqi force at the front are not exactly front-line combat troops," he added.

"The Iraqi purpose is political," Aluf Herzog went on to say. "They are in fact trying to take control of southern Syria. Strangely enough, they are in a position to do that now, because the Syrians do not want to let them or the Jordanians go near Damascus."

The potential Iraqi influence on the Jordanian frontier is more political than military, he said. This could take the form of infiltrating Palestinian agents to conduct subversive activities against King Hussein's regime.

These moves bear the hallmark of Soviet strategy, he said, which is aimed at exploiting the war against Israel as well as inter-Arab differences to increase Soviet influence in the Middle East. (Ithm)

TERRORISTS CONTINUE BOMBARDMENT

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TERRIBLE. — Terrorists in Lebanon again fired mortars, bazookas and Katyusha rockets at settlements in Upper Galilee Saturday night, but there were no casualties and only minor damage.

At 1.30 a.m. yesterday the terrorists fired some 30 mortars and bazooka shells at Metulla. Kfarit Shimon was bombarded with Katyushas and mortars, and bazookas were fired at Kibbutz Marna and at Beit Elhel, in the Hula Valley.

Trial of Libyan hijacker put off

TEL AVIV. — The trial of Libyan citizen Mohammed al-Toumi, charged with hijacking a Lebanese airliner to Lod Airport last summer, has been put off until December 4. The District Court here decided on the postponement after the prosecution said the psychiatric committee studying al-Toumi had had to stop work when one of its members was called up.

Al-Toumi was arrested at Lod on August 16 after he arrived with a Beirut-bound Middle East Airlines flight from Benghazi. At the time he was quoted as saying he had planned the act to show that not all Arabs were hostile to Israel.

His attorney, Yitzhak Aderet, told yesterday's brief court session he was planning to ask the Attorney-General to drop the case against al-Toumi. (Ithm)

Our heartfelt sympathy and condolences to our colleagues

Paul Silberstein

on the passing of his wife,

DUSHY

Hotel Managers Assoc of Israel.

We mourn the passing on Hoshana Rabba of our dear husband, father, grandfather, great-grand

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The entire family in the
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In deep sorrow we announce the death of our beloved

THEODORE MENKES

The funeral took place on October 15, 1973.

The family in Israel and abroad

Haifa.

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that there are two transport lines working on weekdays for soldiers on the following routes:
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To shoulder-launched rocket in Egypt's anti-tank arsenal

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent
TEL AVIV. — The Egyptians do have a shoulder-launched missile which can be used against an Israeli weapons specialist here yesterday. Earlier reports such a missile were the result of confusion, due to battlefield conditions, between the Russian bazooka-type RPG and the manually guided Sagger missile which is launched from the ground or from an armoured vehicle.

Shipyards hail work of their missile boats

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Israeli Shipyards' manager Eliahu Liberman told the press yesterday that the company's two missile boats, the Eshel and Keshet, "have proved themselves highly effective in the field."

He said that, judging from battle reports, the two ships (commissioned some time before the war) "have shown themselves superior to the Sa'ar type missile boats built for the navy in the past." The locally made boats "excel in fire power, he said, far the two ships, which are better than the French-made craft, have been credited with sinking four enemy warships and with "probable" sinking of two more. The Keshet and Eshel have taken part in every naval action so far against enemy ships and coastal installations.

ISRAEL TELLS U.N.: 'Syria's missiles aimed at civilian targets'

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Western immigrants, some in the country only a few months, receive training in the use of light weapons — enabling them to do guard duty at settlements in the Judean Hills. (Mike Goldberg)

Blackout paper scarce as wardens crack down

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'Argentina sympathizes with Israel'

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent
Despite Argentina's formal neutrality in the Middle East war, President Juan Peron's government sympathizes with Israel.

This is the impression of Yacov Tsaur, a former Israeli minister to Buenos Aires, who returned from there yesterday. Mr. Tsaur headed the Israeli delegation at President Peron's inauguration celebrations, and was received for a 45-minute audience with the President and his wife, Vice-President Isabella Peron.

Mr. Tsaur, who built up a warm friendship with President Peron during his first term in power in the fifties, reported that his reception by the President had been particularly cordial. The President declared there was no way to peace other than by negotiations, and his wife said enthusiastically that Golda Meir was one of the women she most admired.

Mr. Tsaur brought a personal message from Premier Meir to the President.

Mr. Tsaur found himself the centre of attention when the war broke out. He was interviewed by all 10 Argentine television stations and also by the major newspapers. He reported that people in Argentina believed the Arab forces were on the verge of victory, since most of the information reaching there was from Arab states. The Jewish community was therefore desperately worried.

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Tank lieutenant escapes by playing possum for 25 hours

By MORDECHAI ARTZIELI
Military Correspondent
A young Israeli tank lieutenant, surrounded by Egyptian soldiers who thought he was dead, played possum for 25 hours and then crawled to his own lines under cover of darkness.

The lieutenant, who is now back fighting with his unit, said the Egyptians stripped him of a gold chain hanging around his neck, took his identity disks and emptied his pockets. Finally an Egyptian soldier, unmoved by the "corpse's" blackbearded face, covered it with a sack.

"When the Egyptians launched their big counter-offensive in the central sector of the Canal last Sunday, we were ordered to break through the enemy troops who were dug in," the lieutenant told me. "We moved in a column along the road. The first tank was hit by a missile. A kilometre farther, a missile hit the rear of my turret... I was flung 10 metres from my tank and lost consciousness."

"When I came to, I found myself lying in a trench occupied by dozens of Egyptians. I saw their yellow helmets and their faces. They were firing missiles at our tanks. I closed my eyes again so they wouldn't notice I was alive. A few hours later an Egyptian soldier covered me with a dirty sack. It seems my sooty face unnermed him."

The officer went on to say that towards evening the Egyptians finally picked him up and heaved him out of the trench. "I didn't dare move a muscle. I knew that

if they found out I was still alive they would shoot me... I thought of my parents... of my friends in the army. I was parched with thirst..."

"As soon as it got dark I started to crawl. The Egyptians didn't notice. I was sorry I didn't have any grenades on me. I crawled over to one of our disabled tanks. I found a jerrycan of water and drank some. I ate some battle rations I found inside the tank. Then I must have fallen asleep. Awakening at dawn, I saw some of our soldiers about 700 metres away. I waved to them. One of them came up to me. "What's your name," I asked him. "Michael," he said. "You're Michael the Archangel," I told him.

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Food exports going to Europe by air

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — With refrigerated ships cutting their calls at Israel ports, all of the country's exports of produce are being sent to European markets by El Al, according to Moshe Shavit, General Manager of Agrexco.

The exports include eggplant, avocados, carp, goose liver, day-old chickens and flowers.

He told The Jerusalem Post yesterday that during the second week of the war, Agrexco sent 290 tons of agricultural produce to Europe. During the first week of the war 100 tons were sent, and Agrexco is planning to send 400 tons of produce this week.

At Lod Airport's Agrexco terminal the goods are loaded on every available El Al plane, and every inch of space in all passenger flights leaving for Europe is being used to ship the produce. "So far all the produce that has reached our terminal has been sent abroad," Mr. Shavit said. He added that European buyers appreciate the fact that during the war "we still have time to ship our produce, especially flowers."

Pilgrims prefer Israel to Arab lands

Two groups of Christian pilgrims from the U.S. have cancelled their plans to visit several Arab states and have come to Israel instead. The Tourism Ministry spokesman, Micha Gidron, said yesterday that the groups, who total over 100 persons, arrived in Israel Saturday night on an El Al flight.

Mr. Gidron said that despite the war Christian pilgrims are evincing considerable interest in visiting Israel. "A relatively surprising number of pilgrims have been coming, not only from the U.S., but also from Germany, Holland, Switzerland and the Scandinavian countries," he told The Jerusalem Post.

Mr. Gidron gave one example, of a group of 400 West German pilgrims who were in Athens en route to the Middle East when the war broke out on October 6. "The group was divided," he said. "Some wanted to cancel the whole trip and return to Germany. Others wanted to continue. They finally took a vote and over two-thirds decided they wanted to continue to Israel — and Israel only."

They came and toured the country for seven days, despite the war.

Canadian Jewry 'more generous than in 1967'

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The readiness of Canadian Jewry to give of their time, money and enthusiasm to Israel during this war far exceeds their efforts in 1967. This was the experience of Moshe Gilboa, political adviser to the Minister of Communications, who returned over the weekend from a fund-raising trip to Canada.

Mr. Gilboa arrived three days before the war began, and he was able to see the galvanizing effect of those crisis first days on the 120,000-strong community of Montreal. On the Saturday of Yom Kippur, the fast ended with prayers in all the synagogues when news of the attack came through.

On Monday, Mr. Gilboa met with 2,000 of the leading members of the community — and raised more than \$7m.

On the political front, the community's young people organized street demonstrations, which drew Jewish intellectuals and academics who had been long thought lost to the community and to Jewish identity. Jews of all ages queued up outside hospitals to give blood for Israel.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME
Mr. Moscovics also proposed that the Government weigh the possibility of introducing "daylight saving time" by advancing all clocks by one hour, to beat the blackout.

The four partners are to meet again today to discuss further problems. Their tentative agenda includes finding credit facilities for companies whose sales — including exports — have come to a standstill as a result of the war; haulage problems, since many factories are short of trucks; the shortage of skilled workers in many plants; "rating" the plants on a priority scale so that raw materials, manpower, and other facilities can be directed to those contributing the most to the war effort; and the problem of many plants (as well as export firms) that cannot meet their export commitments and stand to lose their customers if they fail to export in time.

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Knesset to put off elections; no date fixed

By MARK SEGAL
Jerusalem Post Political Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The Knesset will meet this Wednesday in special session at 10 a.m. to pass a bill postponing elections for the Eighth Knesset and municipal elections, but the Labour-Mapam Alignment leadership had not yet decided last night on a new date.

The Wednesday session, however, may not be the final one before the elections: an additional session may be required if the Knesset passes an open-date postponement bill or sets a date which proves to be unrealistically early.

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Many retarded kept in homes without shelters

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The Welfare Ministry is keeping over 3,000 retarded youngsters and adults in institutions under its supervision, although many of the buildings have no proper air raid shelters. Right after the outbreak of the war the Ministry decided not to send inmates home — although it could legally do so.

Ministry Director-General Moshe Kurt told The Post last week that Hagan (civil defence) authorities had ordered a home for some 100 retarded children near Tiberias to shut down because it had no shelter. "But we took on the heavy responsibility and persuaded Hagan it was in the best interest of the children to remain in the home," Dr. Kurt said.

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Delays confirmed in incoming mail

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The halt in commercial flights into Lod Airport (except El Al) is causing delays in the arrival of mail from overseas, a Communications Ministry spokesman confirmed last night. Outgoing overseas mail, however, is leaving regularly.

The spokesman said the most serious delays are in posts from world points not served by El Al. He said this mail, which is normally carried by other airlines serving Lod, must now be sent to cities served by El Al, where the sacks are loaded for shipment to Israel.

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'Baby boom' in two of Jerusalem's hospitals

By ERNIE MEYER
Jerusalem Post Reporter
In the outbreak of the war Jerusalem's Bikur Holim and Misgav Ladach hospitals have had more than twice their usual number of maternity cases.

At Holim 160 babies were born in the first 15 days of the war. In the past the average is 200 a month. On one hectic day in the week there were 17 deliveries.

By pre-arrangement between the Health Ministry and the army, Bikur Holim (62 maternity beds) and Misgav Ladach (30 beds) are the only hospitals in Jerusalem to handle maternity cases (and most civilian cases). Hadassah and Sha-Zedek hospitals are largely reserved for military casualties.

The arrangement is based on the experience of the Six Day War, when it was found that military and civilian patients are best handled in separate institutions.

The two maternity hospitals are stretching their bed capacities by doing mothers home after two or three days, instead of the usual eight days. According to the Health Ministry's public relations director, Yehuda Kinsinger, many women not originally registered at the hospital have left without signing or getting their (IL200) National Insurance cheques. "We've had radio advertisements to get them to sign their papers and collect their money," he said.

The wartime experience of sending mothers home earlier (without effects) may have its influence on peacetime practice, Mr. Kinsinger said.

After Syrian announcement Relatives abroad ask: 'Is Haifa burning?'

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — "Is Haifa burning?" was the question phoned in from relatives abroad to many Haifa residents yesterday, following Saturday's official Syrian announcement that they had bombed the Haifa Refineries. The questioners appeared somewhat concerned by the time lag between the Syrian claim — which was utterly baseless — and the official denial by the Israeli army spokesman.

Halfhearted were able to reassure their relatives that the refineries had not been touched; that the nearest the Syrians got was Nahariya, where a plane exploded on Saturday.

Some also pointed out that the fact that the Syrians are again making fantastic claims (from which they had abstained during the first stage of the war, when their surprise attack met with some success) probably indicated that they were now definitely worried.

At 3.35 yesterday afternoon, the air raid sirens sounded here for the first time since the early days of the war. The alarm lasted for half an hour, but nothing happened. The Post learned that the alarm was sounded following air activity out at sea.

Yesterday a Swedish freighter, the Boreland, arrived here, after an unscheduled stop in Cyprus Saturday.

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Soviet Jews send messages of support

Jews in the Soviet Union have been expressing their solidarity with Israel in its armed struggle with scores of cables and telephone calls to Israeli leaders. The text of one cable, addressed to Prime Minister Golda Meir and Defence Minister Moshe Dayan, reads as follows:

"With the renewed Arab fascist attack upon the State of Israel, we too are ready to sacrifice our lives for the defence of the just cause of our people. We ask you to pass on our warm regards and good wishes to the brave and brothers fighting to defend the honour, independence and very existence of our State, in Sinai and on the Golan Heights. Long live the People of Israel."

The cable is signed by Ephrem Davidovitch (colonel), Lev Oshchesser (colonel) and Nahum Olschansky (Lieutenant-colonel).

No manpower dearth in essential plants

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Thanks to careful manpower planning, the nearly 3,000 plants and services classified as essential are running normally — and some even have an oversupply of help. This was announced yesterday by the Emergency Controller of Manpower, Meir Chechik.

Mr. Chechik said that, as far as manpower utilization was concerned, the economy was standing up to the war effort now and was able to continue to stand up to it. He had special praise for the eagerness of the public — including new immigrants — to volunteer to help, and for the vocational-school pupils who had gone to work in vital industries.

The manpower-utilization plan was drawn up in Mr. Chechik's Labour Ministry unit well before the war.

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Oil embargo intensified Iraq urges takeover of U.S. interests in Arab lands

U.T. — The Arab oil-producing states, stung by President Nixon's refusal to support their demands for a 50 percent cut in oil exports to the U.S., have intensified their efforts to take over U.S. interests in Arab lands. The Arab oil-producing states, which are now producing about 10 million barrels a day, are demanding a 50 percent cut in oil exports to the U.S. by the end of the year. The Arab oil-producing states are also demanding that the U.S. government should take over U.S. interests in Arab lands. The Arab oil-producing states are also demanding that the U.S. government should take over U.S. interests in Arab lands.

Recruitment for Israel, Foreign envoys assure Cairo

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Sudan frees 2 in killing of diplomats

KHARTOUM (AP). — Two of the ten Arab terrorists charged with killing two American diplomats and a Belgian diplomat here last March have been released for lack of sufficient evidence against them. The two released are a Sudanese and a Palestinian. The Sudanese is a member of the Sudanese Liberation Organization and the Palestinian is a member of the PLO.

Hijackers free some passengers in La Paz

LA PAZ (Reuters). — The hijackers of an Argentine airplane stranded without fuel at a small Bolivian airport have released 25 of the passengers on board, a Bolivian official said yesterday. The hijackers are demanding a ransom of \$500,000.

Chile to expel Swedish newsmen

SANTIAGO (AP). — A Swedish journalist being held with 2,000 other prisoners in a football stadium here will be released and expelled from Chile within 24 hours, the Chilean Interior Ministry announced yesterday. The journalist is a member of the Swedish press.

Schoenau transit normal Kreisky's party faces test at local polls

VIENNA. — The Socialist government of Chancellor Bruno Kreisky yesterday faced a test of its popularity in large-scale local elections. The elections were held in the city of Vienna. The Socialist government is expected to win the elections.

Impeachment moves 16th African state breaks Israel tie

(Continued from page 1)
than do so, declaring that he had promised Congress to launch a thorough and objective probe of the scandal. "Clearly," Nixon said, "the Government of the U.S. cannot function if employees of the executive branch are free to ignore in this fashion the instructions of the President."

Mr. Nixon then called in Deputy Attorney General William French Smith, who also refused to carry out the order, and was dismissed. Finally Mr. Nixon appointed Robert F. Kennedy, the Solicitor General, as Attorney General, and he dismissed Mr. Cox. A White House announcement said the office of the special prosecutor in the Watergate case was abolished as of 8 p.m. Saturday and "the function will be transferred back into the institutional framework of the Department of Justice where it will be carried forward with thoroughness and vigor."

At the same time, FBI agents moved into the offices of Special Prosecutor Archibald Cox on Friday gave his statement on President Nixon's refusal to relinquish White House tapes. The agents appeared at the downtown Washington offices within 30 minutes of the President's announcement that he fired Cox. The reaction to this was immediate. It was summed up by Congressman John Anderson of Illinois, Chairman of the House Republican Conference, who said the action was "extremely unwise" and predicted that "impeachment resolutions will be raining down like hailstones."

Workers all over the World Support Israel

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Watergate Special Prosecutor Archibald Cox on Friday gave his statement on President Nixon's refusal to relinquish White House tapes. (AP photo)

BANGUI (Reuters). — The Central African Republic has decided to break off diplomatic relations with Israel, President Jean-Bedel Bokassa said in a radio broadcast yesterday. Gen. Bokassa said the decision had been taken at yesterday's Cabinet meeting. He added that his government was making the break because of the responsibility for the deterioration of the situation in the Middle East and the sudden outbreak of war were entirely Israel's fault. Bokassa added that Israeli diplomats living in the country would continue to benefit from diplomatic immunity and protection until they left for home. He reaffirmed his country's firm support for Egypt and "all other Arab states in their legitimate fight to recover their territories occupied by Israel since the 1967 Six Day War."

Over 200 feared dead in Spanish floods

MADRID (UPI). — Prince Juan Carlos de Borbon, Spain's future king, yesterday flew to the flood-stricken southeastern provinces to promise help to the victims of the nation's worst disaster in more than a decade. Provincial authorities in Almeria, Granada and Murcia said 125 bodies have been recovered so far, with another 100 persons missing and presumed dead. They said thousands were made homeless by the flash floods, which were triggered on Friday by the heaviest rainfalls ever recorded in Spain. In Almeria Province, the village of Maria reported 13 inches (330 millimetres) of rain in less than an hour. Observers here see the move as a part of a hardening of Cyprus's stand towards Israel. At present Israel is represented in Cyprus, but the island republic has neither an ambassador nor a consul in Israel.

Soviet-Iranian trade

TEHRAN (AP). — Iran and the Soviet Union yesterday began five-day economic talks to further expand their trade, industrial and technical ties, already estimated at over \$2,000 million. The discussions are being held between the Iranian Minister of Economy, Hushang Ansari, and visiting Soviet Minister for Foreign Trade, Nikolai Seashkov and their top aides.

Yugoslavia, Spain in World Cup tie

ZAGREB (UPI). — Yugoslavia and Spain yesterday drew, 0-0, in a Group Seven World Soccer cup qualification match. Qualification from the group for the finals in West Germany now depends on the last match between Greece and Yugoslavia in Greece on December 19. Yugoslavia must beat Greece by a two-goal margin to force a play-off with Spain. If they win by a margin of three goals or more, they will qualify directly.

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The Executive Committee of the Belgian Transport Workers convey to the Israeli workers their fullest feelings of fraternity and sympathy at this moment when all their efforts to build a modern democratic and free nation on a basis of peace have been endangered.

U.S. TRADE UNIONS SUPPORT ISRAEL

GEORGE MEANY, President of AFL-CIO sent the following cable to Y. Mehal, Deputy General-Secretary of the Histadrut. "The AFL-CIO condemns the unprovoked aggression against Yom Kippur, the holiest day of the Jewish Religion. This treacherous attack, in flagrant violation of the agreed cease-fire, is another expression of Egyptian and Syrian leaders' determination to destroy Israel's independence and sovereignty. We support Israel's fight against aggression. As the Israelis well know, the only effective answer to aggression is defeat of the aggressors. "We express our deep sorrow for the loss of lives in the war and reiterate our firm belief that the only way of achieving a settlement of the conflict and secure any defensible borders, is through direct negotiations. "In this grave hour of the Israeli nation, we again express our solidarity with and full support of the State of Israel, the Histadrut and Israeli workers in their struggle for a free society based on democracy and social justice. Fraternally, George Meany, President of AFL-CIO, U.A.W., the Automobile Workers' Trade Union, issued a statement unreservedly condemning the unprovoked Egyptian-Syrian military attack. He expressed deep sorrow for the loss of lives and his Union's solidarity with and support of Israel, the Histadrut and all Israeli workers. In their message, S. STEIN, General President and W. DUCHESSE, General Secretary-Treasurer, of the "Textile Workers' Union of America, pledge their full support to Israel in its battle for freedom. JERRY WURF, President of American State, County and Municipal Employees condemns the brutal aggression of Egypt and Syria and reiterates his support of Israel's right to exist in peace and security. The United Federation of Teachers in its message, signed by A. SHANKER, Union President, condemned Arab aggression and called upon the U.S. Government to provide Israel with the materials necessary to secure its existence.

TWO-IN-ONE CROSSWORD

Use the same diagram for either the Easy or the Cryptic puzzle.

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HOME FRONT EFFORT

THERE are many things about Israel which the outside world finds difficult to understand and some which it fails entirely to comprehend. When Mrs. Meir stated in the Knesset last week that any eventual cease-fire arrangements would have to include the immediate return of all our prisoners of war, this was interpreted by a BBC commentator as an expression of anxiety about our manpower resources. Every Israeli, on the other hand, knew immediately that it was a concern for the fate of the captured soldiers, in view of the experience in the past of the treatment meted out to prisoners, particularly by the Syrians.

It is part of Jewish tradition that "all Israel are brothers," that there is a close kinship between the members of the nation. There is general sorrow for every fallen soldier, whether we knew him or not. We have no "unknown soldier" as one Knesset member said the other day. The people is too small for anonymous loss.

It is this sense of kinship which brings the home-front so much closer psychologically to the front-line than it is in physical fact. Thanks to the 1967 cease-fire lines, the sounds of battle come to the home-front only over the air waves, and on the surface life in the major cities appears to continue more or less normally. Except that a great proportion of those not

engaged directly in the war effort is trying frantically to be included in some kind of voluntary work, which runs from knitting balacava helmets to passing on messages from the men at the front to their families at home.

The intense involvement of all can best be gauged from the response to the appeal for a "voluntary war loan." The compulsory loan is taken for granted and will take its place among the many other deductions made automatically from wage earners' salaries and cheques, and accepted with grumbling or resignation. But not a single voice has been raised against the levying of the additional loan and the banks have reported an excellent response. Some of the contributions may have come from under the mattress, some may be "black money" now turned as white as the driven snow. All are a tangible sign of the people's essential unity in time of danger and the deep desire of every non-combatant to share in some small way the terrible effort demanded of the men on the battle fronts.

Charity, we said in the synagogues on the Yom Kippur, which will go down into history, is among the virtues which help to avert the evil decree. The voluntary loan is not charity, but its results will help to avert the evil decree of death and injury for some, whoever's sons they may be.

FIFTY-SIX per cent of the persons questioned in a British opinion poll favour Edward Heath's decision to deny spare and ammunition for British-made war material in Israel. Seventy-nine per cent of Austrians questioned in a survey approved of Kreslaky's decision to close Schoenau. Most Argentines apparently favoured Peron's decision during World War Two to be "even-handed" between Britain and Nazi Germany. We recall that "Cassandra" in the London "Daily Mirror" did not find Argentina's policy something to admire. Nor, quite frankly, do we Israelis find much to admire in Britain's present attitude.

On the face of it, Heath, Kreslaky and Peron seemed to be behaving fairly — until you examine the facts a little more closely. It is certainly fair not to intervene when two men are engaged in fistfights. It is not quite so fair to refrain from intervention when one of the combatants is being hit on the head at regular intervals by a bystander.

No complaints

If all arms manufacturers adopted the embargo, Israel would have nothing to complain about. Suppose Russia stopped supplying the Arab States, and the Western powers stopped supplying Israel: such an arrangement would be rational. But the Russians, their satellites and the non-aligned powers have not the faintest intention of interrupting their vast airlift of weapons. If the Americans had not stepped in, the Anglo-French embargo would be spelling doom to the Jews and their State.

It reminds us of 1955, when there was a general weapons embargo on the Middle East, set up by John Foster Dulles. One day, Nasser concluded an arms deal with the Czechs. Soviet tanks, planes and

guns started pouring in. Israel had placed an order with the Canadians for 12 Sabre-Jet fighters. It was "frozen" under the arms ban.

As long as the ban was universal, we had accepted it meekly, though it gave us a one-to-three ratio in armaments with the surrounding Arab States. But when the Russians broke it in favour of the Arabs, we asked for permission to make corresponding purchases in the West. Dulles said no. The Western embargo remained in force.

Luckily for us, the French quarrelled with the Algerians and found themselves at odds with the Arabs. We began to get Mirages from France. Eventually the French patched up their quarrel with the Arabs. Before long, they decided to apply an embargo of their own. Fortunately (again) Eisenhower and Dulles had been succeeded in the course of time by other men, and the U.S. came to discover that only Israel was preventing the conversion of the Middle East into a Soviet-dominated zone. Israel had to dismantle its Mirage and Mystere facilities, and take on Skyhawks and Phantoms instead.

The French saved us from one embargo in 1956. The Americans saved us from another a decade later. Without these dissident decisions, Israel would have been thrown to the wolves. Experience teaches us that an embargo applied by some supplier nations, but not all supplier nations, is an act that causes more bloodshed, not less.

The same "even-handedness" applies to the denial of landing rights for American carriers bringing arms and ammunition to re-supply Israel's depleted stocks. What Heath says is that Americans flying across the Atlantic to Tel Aviv may not land in Gibraltar, and Russians flying from Moscow to Damascus may not land in Gibraltar either. What could

be fairer than that, if your geography is weak?

The word "fairness," which once connoted a pragmatic conception of justice peculiar to the British, is becoming debased. And what about another traditional British quality, commercial honesty? Is that going by the board too?

It is beyond belief that a government — any government — should sell us tanks for good money, and then deny us all supply facilities as soon as war breaks out. It is not only a breach of the rules of fair dealing. It is also, intentionally or not, sabotage.

Defence weapons

The tanks were purchased for defence against the Arabs, not against the Portuguese or the Brobdignagians. Such an investment only yields its return when the vehicles are put to use in war. The sole purpose of a tank is to exchange fire with the enemy. There is no industrial product which depends more on a back-up of spares and replacements, because no civilian product is exposed by its very function to systematic destruction.

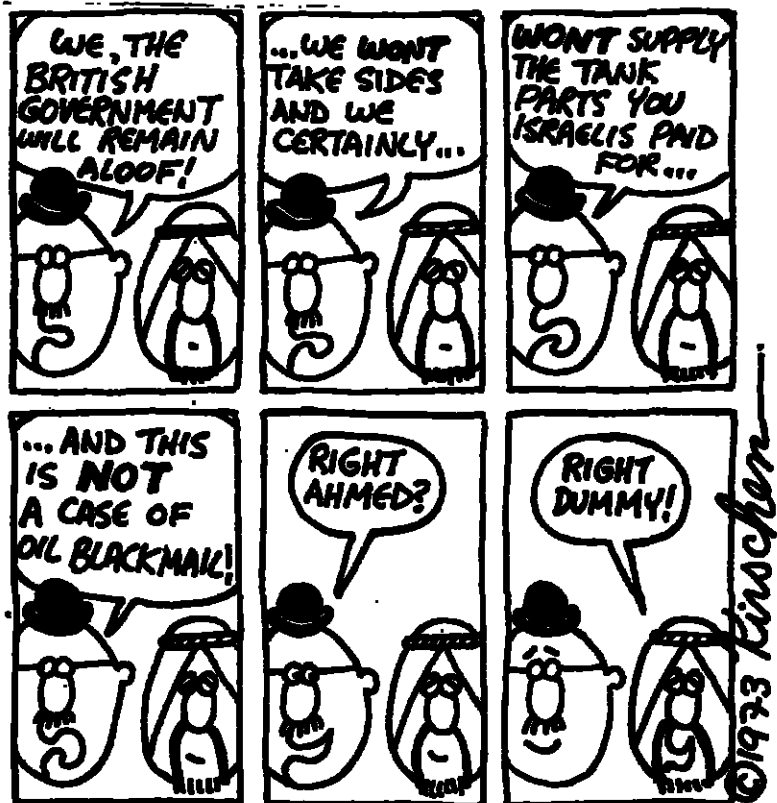
If the British Government had decided that it would halt supplies in any war situation, even if Israel was attacked by the Arabs, the point should have been made clear at the time of purchase. Then Israel could have made up its mind whether it was worth buying the tanks, and if they did, what provision to make for an emergency.

Instead we were given only a general warning that Britain has a right to stop deliveries if political reasons justify it. In the upshot Israel has been manoeuvred into a trap.

All this will certainly strengthen Israel's drive to emancipate herself in future from dependence on the overseas suppliers in an area so vital to her survival.



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Kissinger in Moscow

Ha'aretz (non-party) says of Dr. Kissinger's surprise visit to Moscow: It would be wrong to assume that American-Soviet détente, built with so much diplomatic effort over the past few years, is too dear to the two powers to allow developments in the Middle East to upset it. But if the Soviet Union could

participate in preparing an offensive of such dimensions against a country with whose good the U.S. is concerned, then mutual trust between the two powers is seriously impaired. The invitation to Dr. Kissinger is clearly an attempt by Moscow to repair this damage. The Moscow talks will not only call for a cease-fire, but will also attempt to propose a practical arrangement to be instituted when the fighting ends. What this will be, and how effective, depends on the results of the fighting now in progress on both sides of the Canal. And here Israel victory is a condition sine qua non for any viable solution.

Davar (Histadrut) says Kissinger's visit indicates that the superpowers are keenly interested in saving the détente, despite the diplomatic confrontation concerning the Middle East war and the competing air-lifts to the combatant sides.

Yediot Akaronot (non-party) assumes that the purpose of Kissinger's visit to Cairo was to work out a cease-fire plan, and that Kissinger has now been invited to Moscow for talks on this plan: "It indeed Mr. Kissinger was unaware of the Secretary of State's plan to visit Moscow, this is a bad sign for us. Israel should reject the plan if it is for a cease-fire without peace; if it is based on the lines of May 1967 (whether in stages or not); and if it involves stationing Soviet or other forces as a wedge to separate the two sides (which would be dangerous for all)."

Readers' letters

OFFICIAL CHRISTENDOM'S SILENCE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — If Israel, in order to prevent what happened on Yom Kippur, had opened fire first, the Christian press would have been full of sarcastic comments about this shocking lack of respect for such a holy day. If Israel, in order to protect her very existence, had once opened fire, on a Moslem holy day, this same press would have exploded with shocked comments and protests. I am not exaggerating. Let us only remember June 1967, when one or two shells hit the St. Anne Catholic Church in the Old City, near the Lions' Gate. A wave of protest rose from the Catholic world. And as far as the Protestants are concerned, one need only remember the shocking reaction of the Lutheran Federation, demanding the immediate departure of the "occupying Israeli forces" from Lutheran ground on Mount Scopus. Yet the Lutheran Federation never protested when the Jordanian King's occupying forces started to transform the Augusta Victoria Hospital into an army base weeks before the June war.

But when the Jewish people is murderously attacked on Yom Kippur and, moreover, in the very month of Ramadan, Church leaders (who like to be called Holy Father, Beatitude, Grace and Monsignor, when Jesus came as Servant!) remain silent. They pray, of course, for the cease-fire, thus putting the murderer and the victim in the same category. There are many Christians like me who are fed up with pious prayers which are not followed by declarations or action.

The Christian hierarchy and Christian theologians have not accepted the deep prophetic meaning of Israel's resurrection on her land — they refuse to see the evident messianic implications of this unique adventure. There are, I believe, some 40 patriarchs, bishops, cardinals, and monsignors in the Old City of Jerusalem alone. They have all kept quiet since Kippur, although this nation is still in grave danger. Some Christians did publish a protest ("Christians shocked," October 16), and it is certainly a good move. But unfortunately the signatories represent only themselves. They do not speak in the name of their churches. Will one — only one — of the leaders of official Christendom speak up and save the honour of Christendom?

THE REVEREND CLAUDE DUVERNOY Jerusalem, October 17.

APPEAL FOR PEACE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — The entire region of the Middle East has again exploded into bitter conflict, tragic suffering and loss of life, we as representatives of the United Christian Council in Israel express profound shock and dismay that frustrated hopes and dreams of peace have resulted in resumption of fighting. That this outbreak of hostilities occurred on the most sacred and solemn Day of Atonement offends all religious feelings and human sensibilities.

We earnestly call upon all Middle Eastern states, in accordance with the highest aspirations of their religious ideals, to abandon once and for all this easy recourse to bloodshed instead of responsible and fair negotiations, and with equal energy and dedication to begin to devise a strategy of peace, that all who live in this region who have known the full measure of suffering may now be privileged to know the fruits of peace.

We mourn all who have sacrificed life, and grieve for all who suffer. We pray that the one God whom we all fear may mercifully grant that neighbour will yet come to love and accept neighbour, and that a new spirit of tolerance will prevail, and that out from the fires of this conflict will be forged a desperate will for peace and a new path to fruitful coexistence.

THE UNITED CHRISTIAN COUNCIL IN ISRAEL Executive Committee Members Ramat Hasharon, October 19.

FRENCH DUPLICITY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I suggest that we place a fragment of a show-down Libyan Mirage fighter in Paris Square in Jerusalem as permanent proof and reminder of French complicity and duplicity towards Israel.

DANA SYVIELLI Jerusalem, October 19.

THE TALL ISRAELIS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I am a Roman Catholic sister from the U.S. visiting here in Jerusalem. Back home, I have just completed my term of office as Executive Director of the National Catholic Conference for Interracial Justice, a church-related agency which I have served for ten years.

In the countless pages of the sacred history of Israel, there is no leaf telling a more epic story than the past 25 years of struggle and success. The current battle in Sinai and on the Golan Heights will only tell us once more how tall are Israelis, tall enough to match the mountains.

The sacred history of Israel is more than carving names onto a rock. It is fashioning a nation — people who are walking through time with the emsign of their Maker upon their lives. By what she is, Israel tells the world that persons, not machines, truth, not power, balance the scales of justice in our universe.

SISTER MARGARET EILEEN TRALESE, School Sister of Notre Dame Jerusalem, October 8.

CONGRATULATIONS TO POST OFFICE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — A heartfelt expression of appreciation to the Post Office. On Wednesday night, on the eve of Simhat Torah, I realized that our telephone was out of order and reported it to "16." On Thursday morning, two technicians appeared and, after working for over an hour had it working again.

JUDITH ALONI Jerusalem, October 18, 1973

JORDAN RIVER VALLEY REMAINS Q

Amman media celebrate war away from hon

By PATRICK MASSEY

AMMAN (Reuters).

In the third week of the Middle East war, Jordan is reveling in a glow of martial enthusiasm while keeping the battlefield comfortably far from home.

Day after day, press, radio and television pour out stories of triumphal engagements in Sinai and Syria, with special mention for the exploits of Jordanian troops sent to the Syrian front a week ago.

Throughout last week not a single shot is known to have been fired across the Jordan River Valley.

Life in the towns and villages of Jordan shows hardly a sign of war.

Civilian traffic swirls in its customary frenzy round the hills of Amman and shoppers bustle casually in the market. Hotel guests sprawl beside swimming pools in the strong autumn sunshine. Even the blackout, applied rigidly in the first days of the week, is showing progressively more chinks. The government has reopened Amman Airport and state schools again. There is even traffic across the King Hussein Bridge — otherwise known as the Allenby Bridge — which spans the Jordan between the two hostile sides.

Should the tide go against Arab, pressure could King Hussein to throw across the Jordan Valley his operation.

Even if the Arabs are have lost once more, a triumph may remain. For commentators say that Arab least draw heart from the Israel for once failed to walkover.

An editorial in the "Al-Rai" said: "We shall our first victory is our v defeat, despair and back

Juggling act

In diplomatic and political circles there is widespread admiration for the way King Hussein has, for the moment at least, succeeded in a delicate political juggling act.

He has kept Jordan solidly in the ranks of the Arab nations fighting Israel without precipitating the full-scale war which his kingdom could ill afford.

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